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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gutierrez DATE TYPED 3/9/05 HB HJM 51

SHORT TITLE NM Centennial Encyclopedia Project SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			\$0.1		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
		\$0.1		

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (NMCHE)

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 51 endorses early planning for the development of an encyclopedia covering New Mexico history and culture in celebration of the New Mexico Centennial in January of 2012.

Significant Issues

In January 2012, New Mexico will celebrate the centennial of its statehood and the Historical Society of New Mexico has proposed that an encyclopedia of New Mexico history and culture be prepared as a major and enduring centennial project. The board of directors, contributing editors and authors for this project will be drawn from every part of the state and beyond.

The encyclopedia will also be available in electronic format and on the internet to ensure the widest school and public access; and will allow for it to be continually updated. The Memorial recommends a lively, abundantly illustrated and comprehensive format covering every era and every culture of New Mexico.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Various divisions within the DCA should assist with this project, including the Palace of the Governors and its History Library, the NM State Library, as well as other state museums.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The University of New Mexico will provide a home for this project, donating office space, faculty time and assistance in fundraising.

There is no appropriation associated with this memorial. The memorial states that UNM will “provide assistance with fundraising,” and that endorsement of the project by the NM Legislature would result in “personal, corporate and government funding.”

It is unclear if the encyclopedia will be available for purchase, how many hard copies or CDs will be made and how any revenue from the sales will be used.

Possible expenses for the development of the encyclopedia include contract historians to compile and write segments of the encyclopedia; editor to check/verify validity/historical bias of contract writers; publishing process; regular updates; marketing.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

There is no New Mexico Encyclopedia at this time – print or otherwise.

This document could also be an additional educational resource for K-12 teachers: maps, statistics, photos, tables, audio/video of cultural aspects (additional tribal and pueblo languages; songs, events, etc.)

The encyclopedia should be bi-lingual (Spanish-English).

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

New Mexico may continue to be one of few states that do not have an encyclopedia.

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